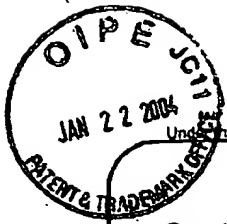


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# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notice of Reason for Rejection**

Number of Patent Application: JP-A-10-362918

Drafting Date of the Action: August 25, 2003

Examiner of the Patent Office: ISHII Kenichi 8124 5X00

Agent for Applicant: Mr. EN Masaaki, (and 3 others)

Applied Provision of the Statute: Paragraph 2 of Article 29

The present application should be rejected for reason under mentioned. In case of any opinions, a response may be filed within sixty (60) days from the mailing date of this Action.

**Reasons**

1. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision specified in Paragraph 2 of Article 29 of Patent Law Section, since it could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the inventions described in the publications listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

**Note** (With respect to the cited references, refer to the list of the cited references.)

Claims 1-6

(1) Patent Laid Open No. 10-164124

**Remark:**

(Refer to Fig. 2 and mentions of Paragraph 0044-0055 of the Specification. There is a mail server which deletes mail data in accordance with request for deleting.)

**Other Remarks**

In relate to the features of mail data storing, mail data retransmission, and mail data moving, those are mere applications of common arts regarding file managing on computers. If necessary, refer to the below references.

- (2) Patent Laid Open No. 10-084416
- (3) Patent Laid Open No. 06-232976
- (4) Patent Laid Open No. 02-108346

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**Record of searching for prior art technical reference**

- Searched Field      IPC 7<sup>th</sup> Edition H04L11/20
- Cited References

This record of searching for prior art technical reference does not constitute any rejecting reason.